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Is This Art Project

Directions:

While reading this book, you learned about different ways to create art. Currently in the United States, many school districts are cutting (getting rid of) art classes to save money. Some people think this is a good idea because students need to focus on core subjects (math, science, language arts, social studies). Others think is a horrible idea because students need to be able to express themselves and have a creative outlet. What is your opinion? You will pick one side, and write a persuasive essay on the subject.

Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of the essay is to persuade the audience to either keep or get rid of art classes.

The audience, or the people who will read this letter, will be teachers and board members of a school district.

What to include:

* A graphic organizer (attached to Mrs. Young’s Website) with your brainstorming notes.
* A persuasive letter
  + Paragraph 1: explain who you are and why you are writing the letter
  + Paragraph 2: explain the opposing view point
  + Paragraph 3: give your opinion and then back it up with facts.
  + Paragraph 4: convince the teachers/school board that your suggestion is the best.
  + Your letter must be formatted correctly.
    - Check the Letter Format on Mrs. Young’s website to see the proper format.